



The Blue Beret

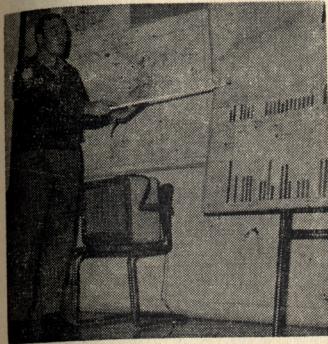
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• Force Provost Marshall, Major R. Mooney, pointing out details from the accident statistics.

MT OFFICERS' CONFERENCE

The first of a monthly series of meetings of the Road Safety Committee was held at HQ UNFICYP on Thursday 25 February, when the MT officers of all contingents heard the Force Commander express his wish that all contingents should aim to better the achievements of their predecessors, and have fewer accidents each month

than did earlier contingents. To do this, all drivers must be consciously anticipating the special hazards of the Cyprus roads all the time they are at the wheel.

The conference ended with a short film on accidents in Cyprus and a profitable discussion of ways of increasing road safety.



AUSCON ASSISTS STORM VICTIMS



Seven houses were badly damaged and twenty families were made homeless when a fierce storm hit the mixed village of Timi, near Paphos, on the evening of the 26th of January. The local authorities called for assistance from UNFICYP. Two supporting platoons from the Austrian Con-

tingent were immediately sent to Timi and they erected eight large tents to house the distressed families from both communities, and stood by in case of further need. The Austrian soldiers were pleased to be able to offer their services as they would have done in their home country.



• The background emphasizes the seriousness of the Force Commanders opening address to the MTOs.

MP NOTEBOOK

ACCIDENTS — UNFICYP

Week Ending:	
26 Jan 73	— 9
Same Period	
Last Year	— 10
Total This Year	— 30
Same Period	
Last Year	— 25

Main Cause Of Accidents This Week:

DRIVING WITHOUT DUE CARE AND ATTENTION



OBITUARY

It is with regret that UNFICYP announces the death of 31 years old Captain Mikko Paavali Tuomi, a member of the Finnish Contingent serving with UNFICYP. The death occurred in the early hours of the 20th January 1973 at Nicosia from Pneumonia and

Acute Cardiac Failure.

Captain Tuomi, who had only served in Cyprus one day, was married with two children, and came from Turku.

A Memorial Service has been held in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Nicosia.

THE QUARTERMASTERS GROUP - 3 QUEEN'S

The Quartermasters Group of 3 Queen's control most of the logistics in Polemidia Camp. It is led by Captain Derek Adkins, assisted by Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant John Barrell and Technical Quartermaster Sergeant Ron Stevens.

Clothing is controlled by Sergeant Ron Lambert, who has spent ten years in the department, and is assisted by Lance Corporal Richard Hayward who has a brother serving in Dhekelia.

The Accommodation Stores is supervised by Colour Sergeant Tom Woollard, whose brother is RQMS Charles Woollard of Camp Headquarters Nicosia. Lance Corporal Rodney Patterson is the Accommodation Storeman.

The G1098 Store, which provides nearly all the battalion technical requirements, is always ready to meet unusual and even



• Corporal Robert Groombridge the G1098 Storeman looks for a space.

ORD CORNER

Many enquiries have been received by the Ordnance Detachment concerning the statistical



• Captain Derek Adkins the Quartermaster, hard at work.

impossible demands. Grappling with the daily problems are Corporal Groombridge, who also doubles up as QM's Clerk when Lance Corporal Norman Vicarey goes on leave, and Lance Corporal Robert Flynn.

The Domestic Pioneer Section's tasks vary from repairing fire damaged huts to producing church signs. The talent which emerges from their shop is provided by Lance Corporal Garry Sutliff and Privates Robert Mathews, Norman



• On the left of the picture we see Lance Corporal Garry Sutliff at work on his planning machine and on the right Private Paul Mott in the FAMTO Shop.



• Private David Simpson exhausted at the thought of another 7 years 6 months more to go.

BRITCON NEWS

information divulged in the Blue Beret issued on 17 January 1973. It appears that owing to incorrect information from the manufacturers, the statistics were wrong. Naturally the Statistics Sergeant

(temporary), the Statistics Branch Warrant Officer (passant) and the Branch Officer (insane) wish to express their apologies for any inconvenience caused.

To encourage ardent statisticians, we are publishing, nay divulging, another list of highly classified figures which no operational planner can do without.

As the Ordnance Detachment Furniture Repair Workshop produces approximately 2 settees and 4 easy chairs in six days, ie seats for 8 people, it would take about 7 years 6 months and 24 days to get enough seats to enable the entire UNFICYP force to be sat down at the same time. However since the crowd would then cover some 5,255 square yards of land, we probably need to hire a little bit of the Central Plain. Incidentally the seat making process would take about 16,569 working hours to complete the task.

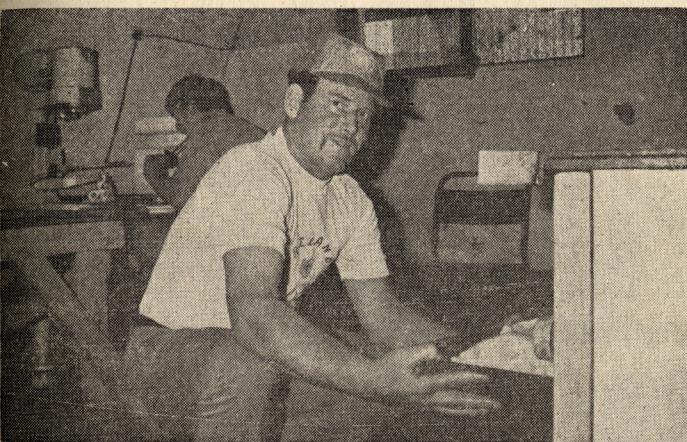
Oh! about those toilet rolls. Actually we've only got 840,270 yards of paper — sounds very little really. Anyway it is double strength (when dry) so perhaps we can say we've got 1,680,540 yards of the stuff. Now where could you go with that lot?

38 SQUADRON RCT (MAIN)

Caught Spying. Newly arrived members of 38 Squadron Royal Corps of Transport look with interest as the Second Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry go through their Medal Parade on Monday the Fifteenth of January. The Squadron who have come from Mulheim in Germany are settling down to driving on the left or to "not driving on the right" which ever is the case.



• Private Peter Brennan, Medical Orderly with 23 Infantry Group turned his hand to a new job recently when his ambulance needed repainting.



PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

Corporal Gerry Guidon from Athlone is one of the cooks in the Catering Section of 23 Infantry Group in Larnaca. A keen Gaelic footballer "Bulldog" Guidon is on his fourth tour of duty with

An interested visitor to Larnaca last week was Mr Patrick T.D. Cooney who paid an informal visit to 23 Infantry Group while on a short holiday in Cyprus. During his visit Mr Cooney, who is the Main Opposition Spokesman on Justice in An Dail (the Irish Parliament) was shown around Larnaca Sector and spoke with the troops in Wolfe Tone Camp and in the outposts. The picture on the right is of Lieutenant Ray Twomey (on left) showing Mr Cooney around the Ircon camp on Artemis Road.

VISITOR TO LARNACA



NEW ARRIVAL

The new Force Engineer, Commandant Michael Hallahan arrived in Cyprus on the 18th of January 1973 to take up duty with UNFICYP and immediately set about taking over from his predecessor, Commandant John Burke. One of the first tasks which he took over was that of supervising the building of the new camp in Larnaca for Ircon.



UNCIVPOL

Village Patrols, Liaison to the local police and UN military contingents, Investigation of Inter-communal Crimes and Incidents.



• A view of "Blue Danube Village".

observation of Economic and Military Matters, and the Specific Duties, which have been evolved to meet the peculiar needs in the Nicosia District. The specific duties can not be limited at all, for it depends on the situation. At the present time some of the specific duties are for instance the daily Joint Patrol on Green Line, the City Patrol, the Nicosia-Kyrenia Convoy.

In December 1972 the Force Commander Maj. Prem Chand inspected "Blue Danube Village" where the Commanding Officer of the Austrian Police Contingent held a briefing about current police problems and police activities. Once again we were proud to hear the words of satisfaction expressed by the Commander of the UN Forces in Cyprus.



• Warrant Officer Fred Breukens, Second in Command of the OPs B section.



• On the left Corporal Lorne Anthony working with the letters set on the OPs B draughting table, and if you wonder how all the right marks happen to appear in the proper places on your map, well OPs B is where it happens and on the right of our picture Corporal Wayne White shows Corporal Mike McCarthy, a new member of the section, just how it is done.

On the 17th of January, Suburb Coy held their medal parade where all members of the Coy received their United Nations Medal. Instead of the usual marchpast A Coy honoured their Commander Major Gord Reay with a mounted rollpast on bicycles. Here the Company is seen prior to mounting.



OPERATIONS 'B'

The Operations Bravo is situated in the Joint Operations Centre complex. Captain Ron Johnson heads the department and along with Warrant Officer Fred Breukens, Corporals Anthony, Wayne White and driver Mike McCarthy forms an effective fact finding mission.

In essence OPs B is responsible for the collection, interpretation and dissemination of all the information concerning the Battalion's operational duties. To aid them in this task they have the control of a mobile reconnaissance section and the eyes and ears of the two forward rifle companies, City and Suburb. Aside from this function OPs B's other duties normally involve chart making, air photo interpretation and being consistently photogenic for the multitude of press tours.



VISITOR TO CANCON

On Wednesday 24 January Cancon had the pleasure of a visit by His Excellency Mr. T. Malone the Canadian ambassador to Israel. During his visit Mr. Malone was given a briefing on the responsibilities of Cancon and then toured the Green Line where he spoke with sentries on duty. Here he is at Hermes II OP speaking with Pte Neil Macleod of City Company.

CANCON NEWS

OFFICERS' AND SERGEANTS' GAMES NIGHT

On Friday evening 19 January the Officers and Sergeants met in their bi-annual games night competition. Held in the Wolseley Barracks Officers' Mess the contestants gathered at 2000 hours

ready to battle for the games trophy which was then held by the Sergeants' Mess.

After an initial challenging opening speech by the DCO, Major Gerry Wharton, the evening started.

The Officer factory pulled ahead at the onset with four chess wins by Captains Whiting, Stutt, Lambros and Gervais. The Sergeants started a come back with two wins in whist by Warrant Officer Ransome, Sergeant McRae, Warrant Officer Breukens and Sergeant McIsaac and evened the score by taking the eucrue games — Warrant Officer McDonnel, Master Warrant Officer Colbourne and Sergeants Sutton and Gallant doing the honours.

The Officers came alive again by winning both twixt games thanks to Major Wharton, Dal-

lison and Captains Bailey and Bird. Then came a big blow — the Sergeants won all four Dart games to regain the lead. Undaunted the Officers started to come back with first round wins in Crib by Lieutenant Wilson and Captain Franklin only to have Sergeants Gosse and Gorman pull the over 30 crowd into the lead once more.

Down to the wire and thanks to Captain Bailey, Barbeau, Bunner and Lieutenant Morreau the Officers won the set of Bridge and tied the Sr NCO's for wins. A play off game was arranged between the DCO and PMC Officers Mess v. the RSM and PMC Sergeants' Mess in the newly introduced game of twixt. That proved to be the answer and the games trophy now happily rests in the confines of the Cancon Officers' Bar after a well contested and entertaining contest.

KILPAILLEN KUNTOON

Rotaatiovaiheen ohittaminen näky selvästi urheilutoiminnan elvytämisenä. Kontingenttiin välinen kilpailutoiminta tiivistyy oman ohella. Suomalaisittain tärkein lienee huuhtikuun alkuviikolla kotiradalla järjestettävä kuntorata, jossa jälleen puolustetaan mestaruutta.

Falling Plates on jälleen kiikarissa ja Fincon asettaa 3.4. Dhekeliaan kaksikin joukkueita. Voitonantoa ei lievennä se, että meillä on vain yksi harjoitusvuoro. Kaksitoista parasta ampuja on jo nimetty, ja näistä valitaan kaksi neljän miehen joukkueita. Tammiukun rotaatiossa saapuneista vain tosi huipulla on mahdolisuus mukaan.

Dancon-marssi 31.3. ja 1.4. ei varsinaisesti ole mikään kilpailu, mutta kuntokokeena sitäkin mitä välttää. Viime syksynä Finconista mukana olleet muistavat varsin hyvin, että tuo 25 ja 30 kilometrin marssi kulutti jalkapöhjia. Tanskalaiset haluavat

huoltoteknisistä syistä ilmoittautumiset jo 17.2.

Hiihtokin on ollut suunnitteilla

ohjelmaan, mutta jos lunta ei

sada lisää Troodokselle, se on

peruutettava. Sen sijaan jalka-

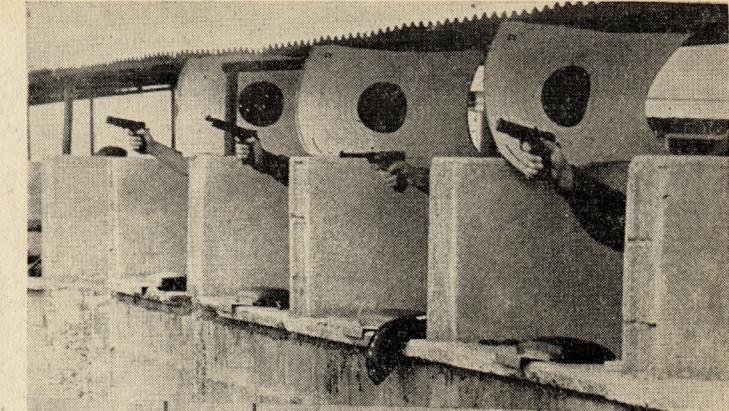
pallosarja alkaa pyöräjä jo 14.2.,

jolloin vastassa on Ircon. Campuni-

cyp kohdataan 19.2 ja Cancon 28.2.

Tikanheitto Irconin järjestämänä on luonteeltaan epävirallinen. Ensimmäisenä kohdataan 16.2. yhdystietty HQ & Campuni-cyp joukkue. Jos pärjätään, seuraava otettiin 23. 2. Pataljoona karsii parhaammistaan 13. helmikuuta.

Pataljoonan sisäisen kilpailutoiminnan aloittaa 8.3. kuntorata Omorphitassa. Yksiköiden välinen kuntomarssi Kakkosen alueella juostaan 16.3. ja massamaastouksu samaisella alueella maaliskuun lopulla. Viireän linjan viestit ratkaistaan Neapoliksessa 22.3. ja lentopallosemaruuus Wolsleyllä 27.3.



Fincon haastoi Canconin ja Swedconin parhaat viime viikkola pistooliammuntaan. Ruotsalaiset olivat kovia ja veivät kapt Ljungströmin johdolla kolmoisvoiton. Kapt Nieminen sijoittui neljänneksi.

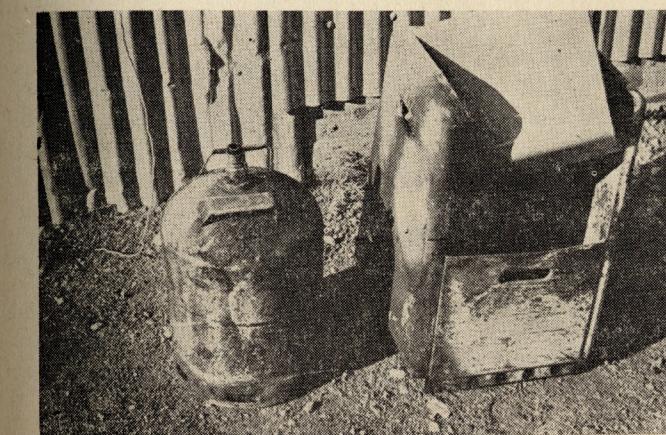
KAASU ON VAARALLISTA

Kakkosen automichillä oli mieleenpainuva ja vaarallinen viikonvaihde 21.-22.1 Ajotoimiston kaasulämmitin aiheutti häkämärykytyksen kolmelle jäädikille ja sytti vielä myöhään sunnuntaiiltana tuleen. Ainoastaan ajotoimiston Koti-Baarin kohtalolta.

Jääkärit heräsvät tuona sunnuntainaamuna oduon raskaaseen ilmaan ajotoimiston makuutiloissa. Jääkäri Kannisto pyöritysi siten kesken aamupalan, ja hänest ja jääkäri Lähteenmäki jouduttiin kiidättämään häkämärykytyksen uhreina sairaalaan. Häkämärykytsen oli aiheuttanut kaasulämmitin, joka oli polttanut ilmasta suurimman osan happea. Neste-kaasu paloi siksi epätäydellisesti ja muodostui häkää. Tiiviissä rakennuksessa olivat ikkunat olleet kiinni, ja siksi häkää hengittiäneet miehet käärsivät hapen putteesta. Ikkunat on syytä jättää auki yöksi, koska kaasulämmittimen hapenkulutus on suuri. Saarelahan ei rakennuksissa ole järjestetty tuuletusta kuten Suomessa.

Aina nestekaasupulloa vahdettaessa on tarkistettava, ettei venttiili ole kolhiunut. Samoin kolhiutunut pullo on altis lämmetessä sään räjähämään. Tällaisia pulloja ei kannata liittää lainkaanlämmittimeen. Ammattimiehet tarkistavat Suomessa jokaisen täytön yhteydessä pullot ja venttiilit, samoin oranssin värisen kaasuletkun. Liittimiä ja asennuksia tarkkaillaan jatkuvasti, ja vähänkin kolhiutuneet ja vialliset venttiilit aiheuttavat pullon hylkäksen. Nämä ei kuitenkaan menetellä Kyproksella, vaan pullon tarkastus on ainoastaan käytäjän oman huomiokyvyn varassa.

FINCON NEWS

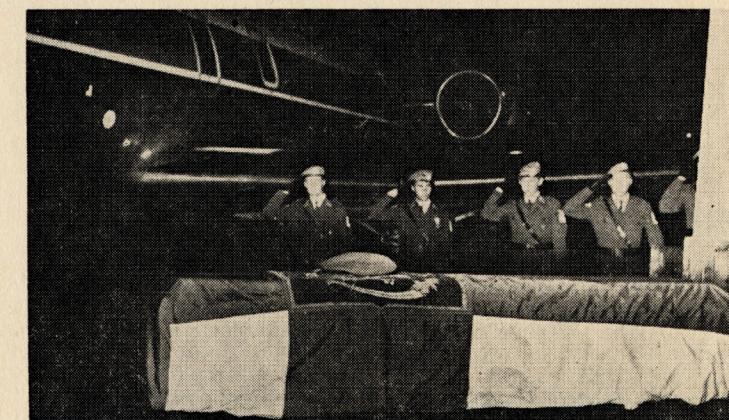


Pullo ja lämmitin, jotka ilman ripeää toimintaa olisivat aiheuttaneet pahaa jälkeä.

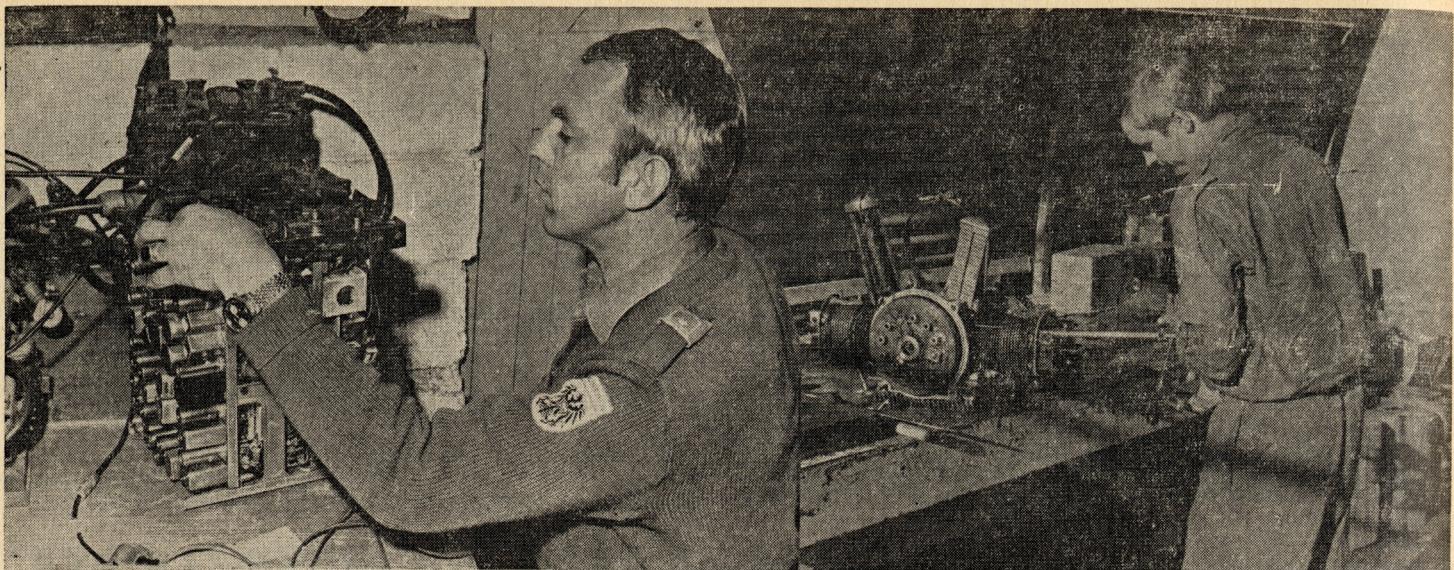
ISÄNMAAN MULTIIN



• Kapteeni Mikko Tuomen muistojuhlasta St Paul'n kirkossa viime torstaina muodostui vaikuttava, hiljainen hetki. Sot pastori Hemmingin urkuosoloon jälkeen evl Kallio piti puheen. Virren 325 jälkeen sot pastoriit Hemminki ja Ahonen kertoivat iankaikkisen elämän toivosta kuoleman maassa. Loppuvirren jälkeen kapt. Tuomen upseeritoverit saattoivat ystävänsä viimeiselle matkalle Suomeen.



• Captain Tuomi arrived in Cyprus on the 19th January. Two days later he was found dead in his bed. He had a cold in Finland and this developed quickly into pneumonia whilst in Cyprus. A Memorial Service was held in the evening of Thursday 25th January at St. Paul's Church, Nicosia, and early next morning the last honour paid to him at the Cyprus airport, just before the aircraft took off.



● Vizeleutnant Wrulich, ein "Chef" auf seinem Fachgebiet. Gefreiter Reinprecht arbeitet selbstständig am Puch Haflinger-Motor.

SPECIALISTEN LEISTEN MEHR!

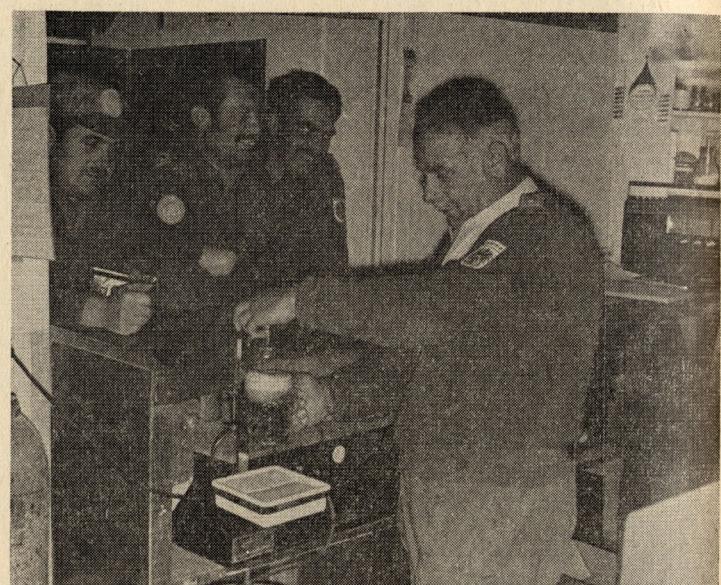
In allen Armeen der Welt schreitet die Technisierung voran und es ist dringend notwendig, Fachkräfte zur Wartung und Erhaltung von Gerät und Waffen heranzubilden. Österreichs Bundesheer trägt dieser Entwicklung Rechnung und die Heeresfachschule für Technik in Wien gibt den Soldaten aller Dienstgrade die Möglichkeit das dort erworbene Wissen weiterzugeben.

Durch dieses System ist eine optimale und zwecknotwendige Pflege aller technischen Gerätschaften sichergestellt. Auch das Auscon verfügt daher Fachkräfte: Vizeleutnant Josef Wrulich, Tel mechaniker und auf Grund seiner Funktion mit der Wartung, Pflege und Instandsetzung aller Einsatz-Funkgeräte befaßt, versteht seinen Job. Die benützten Funkgeräte, die seit Monaten ohne Störung

betrieben werden, sind der beste Beweis dafür. Gefreiter Walter Reinprecht, Kfz MechGehilfe im Workshop St. Patrick, ist ein Motorspezialist. Durch fachkundige Anleitung führt er selbstständig alle notwendigen Arbeiten am Puch Haflinger durch, obgleich er eher zur "jungen Garde" gehört.

Vizeleutnant Franz Nussbold ist ein Spezialist besonderer Art. Obgleich er für seine Tätigkeit nicht gerade die Heeresfachschule für Technik benötigte, stellt er durch sein Wirken die Erhaltung der guten Laune und des seelischen Gleichgewichtes der Soldaten sicher.

Allerdings ist die Kantinenführung nur ein Nebenjob. Vizeleutnant Nussbold, als Camp UO die "gute Seele" des St. Patricks Camp, ist auch sonst ein vielbeschäftiger Mann.



● Vizeleutnant Nussbold bei einer "wohlzuenden" Tätigkeit.



● Die "feindlichen" Mannschaften: 3 Queen's — UNAB 2.

PFUNDBURSCHEN

Auscon, für gewöhnlich am Westzipfel der Insel eingesetzt, stellt einen Wachzug für das Camp UNFICYP in Nicosia, wo Österreichs UN-Soldaten für den inneren Wachbereich verantwortlich sind. Durch diesen Dienst ergeben sich enge Berührungspunkte zu den Soldaten des Briton, die mit der Camp Wache beauftragt sind.

Beim Sport stehen sich die Sol-

daten beider Kontingente "feindlich" gegenüber, was aber die freundschaftlichen Beziehungen, von Mann zu Mann, keineswegs hindert. Enge, fruchtbare Verbindungen zu unseren "östlichen" Districts - Nachbarn bestehen selbstverständlich auch auf Kommandantenebene.

Abschließend kann man nur sagen: Pfundsburschen, diese 3 Queens.

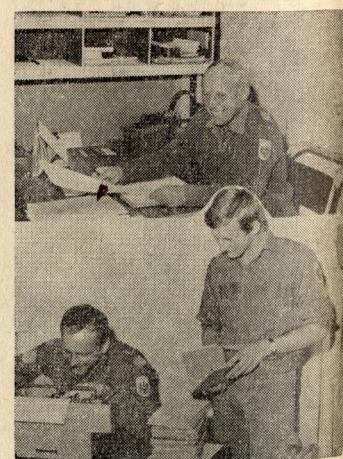
WENN SIE NICHTS ZU TUN HABEN

Nicht selten ist St. Patrick's Hauptkanzlei auch abends besetzt. Immer dann, wenn etwas "los" ist, häuft sich die Arbeit und Vizeleutnant Franz Zarda und seine Mitarbeiter haben alle Hände voll zu tun. Auf Dienstzeiten wird dann nicht mehr Rücksicht genommen, die Arbeit hat Vorrang.

Dass trotz aller Hektik die vorsätzlich eingespielte "Besatzung" der Hauptkanzlei stets bester Laune ist, beweisen wohl die Fotos. Weniger gut gelaunt ist sie jedoch, wenn ihre Arbeit von "Fremdlingen" gestört wird. Wer es nicht glaubt, braucht nur den gutgemeinten Leitspruch lesen,

der gut sichtbar an der Tür folgendes verkündet:

If you have some time to waste, don't waste it here!



● Vizeleutnant Zarda, die "Zierde" der Baons-Kanzlei. Gefreiter Colard und Gefreiter Feunik, arbeiten Hand in Hand.

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